



At the Court at St. JAMES's,

The 22th of September, 1714.

P R E S E N T,

The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Council.



His Majesty, being this Day Present in Council, was Pleas'd to make the following Declaration, viz.

HAVING, in My Answers to the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament, fully Expressed My Resolution to Defend the Religious and Civil Rights of all My Subjects, there remains very little for Me to say upon this Occasion; Yet being willing to Omit no Opportunity of giving all possible Assurances to a People, who have already Deserv'd so well of Me,

I take this Occasion also to Express to you My firm Purpose to Do all that is in My Power for the Supporting and Maintaining the Churches of *England and Scotland*, as they are severally by Law Establish'd; Which I am of Opinion may be Effectually done without the least Impairing the Toleration allowed by Law to Protestant Dissenters, so Agreeable to Christian Charity, and so Necessary to the Trade and Riches of this Kingdom.

The good Effects of making Property Secure are no where so clearly seen, and to so great a Degree, as in this Happy Kingdom; And I assure you there is not any among you shall more earnestly Endeavour the Preservation of it than My Self.

Whereupon the Lords of the Council made their humble Request to His Majesty, That this His Majesties most Gracious Declaration to their Lordships might be made Publick. Which His Majesty was Pleas'd to Order accordingly.

Edward Southwell.

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